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SUBJ: YUGOSLAV ACTIVITY AT NON-ALIGNED MEETING REGARDING KOREA

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SUMMARY: CHARGE DISCUSSED REF A CONCERNS WITH FSFA FAR EASTERN OFFICIAL. YUGOSLAVS EXPECT TO CONTINUE THEIR PAST PRACTICE OF APPROACHING KOREAN ISSUE WITHIN NAM SO AS BEST TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS. REFERRING TO PROPOSED TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS ON KOREA, YUGOSLAV NOTED THAT THIS PROPOSAL HAD NOT YET BEEN CONVEYED TO THE NORTH KOREANS BUT WOULD BE SHORTLY. INITIAL NORTH KOREAN REACTION AT LEAST EXPECTED TO BE NEGATIVE. PROPOSAL DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM WITHIN FSFA AND MAY HAVE BEEN TITO'S. END SUMMARY.

1. CHARGE MARCH 16 CALLED ON DUSAN GASPARI, FSFA FAR EASTERN DIRECTOR AND MADE POINTS REQUESTED IN REFTTEL A. EXPRESSING APPRECIATION, GASPARI NOTED THAT SINCE KOREA ISSUE HAD ALWAYS BEEN A MATTER OF CONCERN FOR THE NAM, GOY HAS ALWAYS SOUGHT TO APPROACH THE ISSUE IN MANNER ACCEPTABLE TO ALL NAM MEMBERS. GOY HAS WORKED HARD ESPECIALLY THROUGH PRIOR CONSULTATION TO SEE THAT SUCH APPROACHES WERE ADOPTED. GOY BELIEVES IT IS NOT AN ISSUE OF SUFFICIENT IMPORTANCE TO RISK SERIOUS DIFFERENCES WITHIN NAM. GOY THUS WILL  
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CONTINUE ITS EFFORTS ALONG THE SAME LINES.

GASPARI STATED THAT IT WAS HIS IMPRESSION THAT THE NORTH KOREANS HAD SHOWN GREATER FLEXIBILITY IN THE PAST FEW YEARS, BUT HE HAD NO IDEA WHAT THE NORTH KOREAN PLANS MIGHT BE FOR THE KABUL NACC OR THE BELGRADE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. CONSULTATIONS WITH THE NORTH KOREANS ON THESE CONFERENCES HAD NOT YET TAKEN PLACE, THOUGH HE

EXPECTED THEM. HE COMMENTED THAT THE NORTH KOREANS DID NOT ALWAYS MAKE THEIR INTENTIONS CLEAR. FOR INSTANCE THE YUGOSLAVS WERE SURPRISED BY A LAST MINUTE KOREAN TEXT AT THE COLUMBO NAC.

2. REFERRING TO THE PLAN SUGGESTED DURING THE TITO/CARTER MEETINGS HE SAID THAT TITO HAD NOT YET TRANSMITTED HIS PROPOSAL ON TRIPARTITE DISCUSSIONS TO THE NORTH KOREANS. THIS WAS EXPECTED SHORTLY, HOWEVER, AND THE YUGOSLAV WOULD KEEP US INFORMED. GASPARI NOTED THAT IT WAS DIFFICULT TO SAY HOW THE NORTH KOREANS WOULD REACT BUT THE YUGOSLAVS ASSUMED THAT THE INITIAL NORTH KOREAN REACTION WOULD BE NEGATIVE. HE SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE WAS "SURE, VERY SURE" THAT THE NORTH KOREANS WERE SEEKING A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM OF REUNIFICATION. INTERESTINGLY, GASPARI OBSERVED THAT TRIPARTITE PROPOSAL WAS THE RESULT OF PRESIDENT TITO'S PERSONAL INITIATIVE AND DID NOT ORIGINATE FROM WITHIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY. WORTZEL

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